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S 31. DV APPROPRIATIONS. Filed 1/29/07. *TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS TO MEET INCREASED DEMANDS FOR SERVICES, TO INCREASE TANF FUNDS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION, TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT TO EXPAND THE FAMILY COURT PROGRAM, TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO BE ALLOCATED TO THE NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL FOR WOMEN AND THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE MATCHING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SHELTERS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO BE ALLOCATED TO THE GOVERNOR'S CRIME COMMISSION TO CREATE AND FUND SUPERVISED VISITATION AND EXCHANGE CENTERS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ADJUST THE SALARY AND BENEFITS FOR THE ABUSER TREATMENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR POSITION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.* Appropriates \$2 million for 2007-08 from the General Fund to the North Carolina Council for Women, for domestic violence programs funded by the Council of Women and the Domestic Violence Commission. Requires that \$1 million appropriated in the TANF Block Grant to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Social Services for 2007-08 be used for Domestic Violence Prevention and Awareness for grants to support local initiatives; DHHS must report to several legislative committees on the use of the funds by May 1, 2008. Appropriates \$543,112 for 2007-08 from the General Fund to the Judicial Department to expand the family court pilot program. Appropriates \$2 million for 2007-08 from the General Fund to the Department of Administration to be allocated to the North Carolina Council for Women and the Domestic Violence Commission to provide matching grant funds for domestic violence shelter capital costs; sets guidelines for administering and awarding grants. Appropriates \$2 million for 2007-08 from the General Fund to the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety to be allocated to the Governor's Crime Commission to create and continue funding existing visitation and exchange centers. Appropriates \$12,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Administration to be used by the North Carolina Council of Women and the Domestic Violence Commission to adjust the amount appropriated for salary and benefits for the Abuser Treatment Program Coordinator position. Effective July 1, 2007.

Intro. by Boseman.

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